RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Waive first reading and introduce an Ordinance approving General Plan/Zoning Amendment No. 95-37 with the recommended findings and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption on the project.

The proposed amendment to Chapter 17.64 of the County Zoning Ordinance will bring the Zoning Ordinance into consistency with the Airport Land Use Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 6, 1996. Please see Attachment #1, Planning Commission Staff Report for additional background information.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See Staff Report (Attachment #1)

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Either no action or a negative action would result in the County Zoning Ordinance not being brought into consistency with the Mariposa-Yosemite Airport Land Use Plan.

COSTS:

A. Budgeted current FY $ 
B. Total anticipated Costs $ 
C. Required additional funding $ 
D. Internal transfers $ 

COSTS: ( ) 4/5th Vote Required

A. Unanticipated revenues $ 
B. Reserve for contingencies $ 
C. Source description: 

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, If Approved: $ 

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

Memorandum with attachments

(1) Planning Commission Staff Report
(2) Planning Commission Resolution #96-6
(3) Draft Board Ordinance

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

Recommended
Not Recommended
For Policy Determination
Submitted for Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment:

A.O. Initials: 

Action Form Revised 10/95

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

By:

Deputy
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORDINANCE NO. 905

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.64 OF THE MARIPOSA
COUNTY CODE ENTITLED “AIRPORT OVERLAY”

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision
organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, hereby ordains:

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted the Mariposa-
Yosemite Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan on June 6, 1995 as required by State
Law; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the land use plan is to safeguard the general
welfare of the inhabitants within the vicinity of the Mariposa-Yosemite Airport and to
ensure that surrounding land uses do not affect the airport’s continued operation for the
next twenty year planning period; and

WHEREAS, the land use plan contains regulations on allowable land uses,
height standards, and noise standards; and

WHEREAS, these regulations and standards represent some minor
modifications to the standards for development in the area of the Mariposa-Yosemite
Airport as contained in Chapter 17.64 of County Code, the Airport Overlay Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Planning Commission and Board of
Supervisors have held duly noticed public hearings on the amendment in accordance
with State law and County Code; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15305 and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that such an amendment is in the general public interest, and will not have a significant adverse affect on the general public health, safety, peace, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that such an amendment is desirable for the purpose of improving the Mariposa County General Plan with respect to providing a long term guide for County development and a short term basis for day-to-day decision making; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that such an amendment conforms with the requirements of State law and County policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that such an amendment is consistent with other guiding policies, goals, policies, and standards of the Mariposa County General Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 17.64 of Mariposa County Code entitled “Airport Overlay” is hereby amended in accordance with Exhibit “A” of this Ordinance attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after final passage pursuant to Government Code Section 25123.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on this 8th day of October, 1996 by the following vote:

AYES:    Balmain, Stewart, and Pickard

NOES:    None

ABSTAINED: None

EXCUSED: Reilly

NOT VOTING: Parker

DOUG BALMAIN, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel
EXHIBIT A

Chapter 17.64

AIRPORT OVERLAY (APO)

Sections:

17.64.010 Airport overlay (APO).

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The Airport Overlay (APO) is an overlay district and is intended to create airport approach zoning regulations for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of inhabitants of the county by preventing the creation or establishment of airport hazards, and thereby protecting the lives and property of users of a county airport and of occupants of the land in the vicinity of a county airport and preventing destruction and impairment of the utility of an airport and any public investment therein. Within any specific APO the specific policies, standards and regulations of the Principle Zone with which the APO is combined, are modified in accordance Section 17.64.010.A - J below. (Ord. 704 Sec.1, 1987).

A. Development standards for APO. Development standards for the APO shall be as follows:

1. Uses:

   a. Permitted uses: In addition to the uses allowed by the principal zone the following additional land uses shall be permitted on the airport property, subject to conformity with Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) standards applicable to the particular airport property:
      (1) Accessory structures and facilities, including aircraft and aviation accessory sales;
      (2) Aircraft fueling facilities;
      (3) Aircraft storage, service, and repair hangars;
      (4) Lighting, radio, and radar facilities;
      (5) Runways, taxiways, landing strips, and aprons, grassed or paved;
      (6) Terminal facilities for passengers and freight.

   b. Conditional uses: None.
c. Prohibited uses: The uses permitted by the principal zone shall be modified as follows:

Zone A: No structures are allowed;

Zone B: No industries involved in flammable materials or processes, major public utility distribution centers, or places intended for the general public to gather in which a population density of greater than 50 persons per acre will occur (including hotels, motels, restaurants, bars, churches, schools, hospitals, government services, concert halls, auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, or other uses) are allowed. Maximum structural coverage shall not exceed 50% of the total land area. Clustering of development is encouraged to avoid placing structures within the zone.

Zone C: Residential uses and places of public assembly should be clustered so as to avoid placing structures under the most heavily used flight patterns;

(A map showing properties within the Zones A, B, and C is available for public review in the Office of the Mariposa County Planning Department.)

2. Minimum parcel or lot size: Same as the principal zone.

3. Density: Same as the principal zone.

B. Use limitations. No use may be made of land within any primary surface, horizontal surface, conical surface, or transition surface, in such a manner as to create electrical interference with radio communication between the airport and aircraft; make it difficult for pilots to distinguish between airport lights and other lights, use lights which will produce glare in the eyes of the pilots using the airport, impairing pilot visibility, or otherwise endangering the landing, takeoff or maneuvering of aircraft.

C. Airport Surfaces. In order to carry out the purpose of this Chapter, all land within the boundaries of the Mariposa-Yosemite Airport, and other land in the vicinity of the airport is divided into: horizontal surfaces, conical surfaces, transitional surfaces, approach surfaces and primary surfaces, the boundaries
of which are on a map designated as the Mariposa-Yosemite Airport surfaces map. The Mariposa-Yosemite Airport surfaces map shall be maintained in the Mariposa County Planning Department and available for public examination.

D. Definitions. Due to the unique character of the district, the following definitions shall apply to the provisions contained in this Chapter and shall not affect or otherwise alter any other provisions of this Title:

1. **Airport**: The Mariposa-Yosemite Airport.

2. **Airport hazard**: Any structure or tree or use of land which obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at the airport, or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or takeoff of aircraft.

3. **Landing area**: The area of the airport used for the landing, takeoff, or taxiing of aircraft.

4. **Structure airport**: Any object constructed or installed by man, including but not limited to buildings, towers, smokestacks, and overhead lines.

5. **Tree**: Any object of natural growth.

6. **Imaginary Surface**: A horizontal surface above which objects affect navigable airspace. The imaginary surface is established at the 2,402 feet mean sea level.

7. **Primary Surface**: A horizontal surface that extends 200 feet beyond each end of the runway. The elevation at any point on the primary surface is the same as the elevation of the nearest point on the runway centerline.

8. **Transition Surface**: Laterally from the Primary Surface to the distance where a one hundred fifty (150) foot height above the Primary Surface is reached on a 7:1 slope: one hundred fifty (150) feet at the outer perimeters.

9. **Horizontal Surface**: The horizontal surface is established by swinging arcs five thousand (5000) feet radii from the center of the ends of the primary surface, and connecting the adjacent arcs by drawing lines tangent to those arcs. The horizontal zone shall encompass the area from the outer perimeter of the transition surface to the limits of the five thousand (5000) foot radii and tangents: the
elevation of the horizontal surface shall be one hundred fifty (150) feet at all locations.

10. **Conical Surface**: Outward from the outer perimeter of the horizontal surface a distance of four thousand (4000) feet on a 20:1 slope: one hundred fifty (150) foot elevation at the inner perimeter to three hundred fifty (350) foot elevation at the outer perimeter.

11. **Approach Surface**: From the edge of the clear zone at the ends of the runway a distance required to intersect the horizontal zone at a 20:1 slope with the outer edges sloping outward at a 10:1 slope: one hundred fifty (150) feet at the outer perimeter.

E. **Height limits**. In order to protect the safety of aircraft as well as facilities on the ground the following height limitations are imposed. In areas in which the ground surface lays below the imaginary surface the height of all structures shall be limited to the elevation of the imaginary surface or 35 feet, whichever is less. In areas in which the ground surface penetrates the imaginary surface the height of all structures shall be limited to 35 feet.

F. **Exception to height limitations**. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting the growth, construction or maintenance of any tree or structure to a height up to twenty-five (25) feet above the surface of the land except in the Primary Surface.

G. **Multiple Coverage**: Where an area is covered by more than one (1) height limitation, the more restrictive limitations shall prevail except as provided for in item F. (Ord. 704 Sec.1, 1988).

H. **Noise Standards**: New residential development and major renovations to existing residential development (exceeding 50% of the value of the existing dwelling) located within the future (2010) 60-65 CNEL contours (as contained in the Mariposa-Yosemite Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan) shall provide a noise analysis of their project site to determine the level of noise insulation required to reduce the indoor noise levels to below 45 CNEL and shall incorporate the noise insulation into dwelling construction. The Mariposa-Yosemite Airport noise map shall be maintained in the Mariposa County Planning Department and available for public examination.

I. **Amendments to General Plans, Specific Plans, and Zoning Ordinances**: Any proposed amendment to a General Plan, Specific Plan, or zoning ordinance that affects land uses within the Airport Influence Area boundary must be submitted to the ALUC for a determination of consistency with the Airport Land Use Plan. The
ALUC shall provide its findings regarding project consistency to the County reviewing authority prior to public hearings on the project.